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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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9 NAHRAIN AL PATO, et al.,

10 Plaintiffs,

11 v.

12 WILLIAM BARR, et al.,

13 Defendants.  
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Case No. 1:20-cv-00973-NONE-EPG

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME

(ECF No. 24)

15 This matter is before the Court on the Defendants' motion for a 14-day extension of the  
16 time to respond to the complaint. (ECF No. 24). As grounds for the extension, the motion states  
17 as follows:

18 [The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)] has completed  
19 all administrative action possible on this overseas immigration application, and the  
20 application is now pending with the United States Department of State—  
21 specifically the consulate in Amman, Jordan. The Department of State is not a  
22 party to this action, but undersigned counsel has nevertheless been in contact with  
23 that agency toward the end of attempting to facilitate the prompt adjudication of  
24 the pending application and the resulting mootness of this lawsuit. Undersigned  
25 counsel is informed that the Department of State is pending additional information  
26 background checks before adjudication will be possible. Undersigned counsel is  
27 informed that those additional background checks are anticipated to be completed  
28 within an additional 1-2 weeks.

Because there is no further action that USCIS might take at this time, and because  
it is anticipated that the Department of State [] may complete its adjudication  
within an additional brief extension period, the United States respectfully requests  
an additional continuance of the answer date until July 1, 2021. The United States  
will file either an answer, a dispositive pleading, or an additional status report at  
this time.

(*Id.* at 1-2).

1 Good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants' motion for extension  
2 of time to respond to the complaint (ECF No. 24) is granted. Defendants shall file an answer or  
3 other responsive pleading no later than July 1, 2021.<sup>1</sup>

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5 IT IS SO ORDERED.

6 Dated: June 22, 2021

7 /s/ Eric P. Gray  
8 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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27 <sup>1</sup> Should Defendants request any future extension of time, Defendants shall first contact Plaintiffs and state  
28 Plaintiffs' position on the extension request in the filing. And, upon review of any such future filing, the Court may  
order that a status conference be set.